

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

For example, in Nature, Vol. 379, p. 703 (1996) and J. Am. Chem. Soc., Vol. 121, p.7618 (1999), a process comprising immersing a substrate in a sol-containing solution including a condensate of alkoxysilane and a surface active agent, and precipitating porous silica on a surface of a substrate to form a film is described. In addition, in Supramolecular Science, Vol. 5, p. 247 (1998), Adv. Mater., Vol. 10, p. 4280 1380 (1998), Nature, Vol. 389, p. 364 (1997) and Nature, Vol. 398, p. 223 (1999), a process comprising coating a substrate with a solution in which a condensate of alkoxysilane and a surface active agent are dissolved in an organic solvent and subsequently evaporating the organic solvent to form a film on the substrate is described.